

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 217

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 217 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Wednesday, May 9, 2016.
2. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.
3. Scott introduced Daniel Johnson and Jill Morawski as the new Members of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee appointed by Town Council.
4. Scott gave an update on the Bicycle Facilities Plan. He stated that the Town made a few of the changes requested by the Bicycle Advisory Committee, but did not make most of them. Specifically left off the list was designating all of Farmington Avenue and Park Road as "intended routes for bike lanes". Since the date of the meeting, the Bicycle Facilities Plan was presented to the West Hartford Town Council and was unanimously adopted.
5. Daniel gave an update on the Main Street Road Diet. Duane Martin, the Town Engineer, stated that the last scheduled meeting for the presentation of the recommendations of the consultant was postponed because CRCOG did not give the Town of West Hartford sufficient time to review the proposed recommendations. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date.
6. Dan gave an update on Cycling Without Age. He mentioned that the rickshaw will be going to Washington, D.C. to attend an event for the Danish Government. The rickshaw will also be riding in the West Hartford Memorial Day Parade.
7. Scott mentioned that the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee will operate a booth and bike corral at Celebrate West Hartford on June 4 and June 5. We will need volunteers to work the event. Ethan and Tracy have volunteered to supervise the booth and the bicycle corral.
8. Ed gave an update on the Center Streets Event, which is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. All of LaSalle Road, parts of Farmington Avenue, parts of South Main Street and the Memorial Drive extension will be closed to vehicular traffic during those hours so that family can take to the streets on bicycles, foot, skateboards, etc.
9. Scott mentioned the Wheels on Wednesdays Program which will start either late May or early June. The West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee will organize two rides each month on Wednesday evenings.
10. Mark McGovern of the Town of West Hartford gave a report on Park Avenue Road Diet Workshop. Three or 4 representatives of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee had attended the workshop.
11. Scott mentioned that Jim Green has volunteered to supervise the Bike to Work Day, which will be on Friday, May 20 at 6:45 a.m. in front of REI in Blue Back Square. Commissioner Klee from the DEEP and Commissioner Redeker from DOT will be in attendance. Riders are invited to join the bicycle caravan down to the Old State House.
12. Scott mentioned the I Can Bike Program scheduled for June 25 to 29. The West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee is working in conjunction with the Miracle League of Connecticut to teach special needs children how to ride a two wheeler without training wheels. Volunteers are desperately need. Information can be obtained at miracleleaguect.org.

13. Scott mentioned that he spoke with the DOT regarding milling and paving of Simsbury Road. Scott has been told that the lanes will be reduced to 11 feet from Bloomfield Avenue all the way to top of Simsbury Mountain. This should create extra room for shoulders which can be used as bike lanes. The work should be completed this summer or fall.

14. Scott mentioned that the West Hartford Youth Cycling Team is looking for boys and girls ages 9 to 18 to participate on their teams. There are 3 spots left. Interested persons should call Morgan Ruekert at (860) 922-6214.

15. Duane Martin, the Town Engineer gave a report on the Trout Brook Trail. The Trout Brook Trail is full steam ahead. The goal is to finish it within the next 2 years. Duane also mentioned that construction will start on the I-84 interchange on Park Road in the Spring of 2017. Duane also discussed other roads which will be milled and paved within the next year including King Philip Drive from Fuller to Mohawk, Lemay Street, Canal Road from Westmont to Hunter, Maiden Lane, Ridgewood Road from Westport Terrace to the northside of the I-84 interchange, North Main Street from Loomis Drive to Farmington Avenue and South Main Street from Farmington Avenue to Ellsworth. There will also be paving done on Westminster Drive and Elmfield Street.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee